

as much as it pains me to say it—it's TU. It's the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band, Silver Taps and "Hallabaloo, Canek, Canek." It's the Junction Boys, Howdy, Gig'em, Reville, the Dixie Chicken and of course, the ring. But above all else—it's Muster.

Gig'em Ags!

And that's just the way it is.

COMMEMORATING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2008

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, each year on April 24, Armenian communities around the world commemorate the start of the Armenian genocide. This year marks the 93rd anniversary of this ominous date in history when Ottoman authorities began rounding up leaders of the Armenian community. The arrests were followed by eight years of massacres, death marches, and forced deportations to rid the Ottoman Empire of its Armenian population.

At the time, American diplomats, under the leadership of U.S. Ambassador Henry Morgenthau, Sr., recorded and reported information about these atrocities. While the calls for international action were soon eclipsed by the tumult of World War I, the State Department's historical records of these accounts are a remarkable example of the important role our diplomatic corps play as human rights observers around the world.

I am pleased to be a cosponsor of H. Res. 106, a resolution affirming the United States record on the Armenian Genocide, which calls for our foreign policy to reflect the U.S. record relating to this painful chapter of history. As we mourn the victims of the Armenian genocide and pay tribute to the survivors, let us look forward to the opportunity for the House to consider H. Res. 106 and stand up to those who seek to deny the genocide that took place.

THE DAILY 45: 41 PEOPLE SHOT IN 5 DAYS IN CHICAGO

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, the Department of Justice tells us that, everyday, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. In light of the shocking turn of events in the last five days in Chicago, I can imagine a day in the near future when this number may rise.

Yesterday, just seven blocks from my office, in the heart of my own congressional district, this Southside community was left reeling because five people—five people—were found shot to death in one home! As I mentioned yesterday, 36 people were shot in Chicago over a 48-hour period of time last weekend.

That's 41 people shot or killed, in only five days, in one American city. Who will tell their stories? Who will care about them?

Americans of conscious must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45."

When will Americans say enough is enough, stop the killing!

JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, on April 13, 2008, America lost one of its greatest scientific minds. Dr. John Archibald Wheeler influenced generations of scientists (including me) and his imprint on the field of physics and our collective understanding of the universe we inhabit cannot be overstated.

Wheeler began his career in the company of men whose names are well known to history—Niels Bohr and Albert Einstein. Wheeler, who earned his Ph.D. in physics at age 21, went to Denmark a year after earning his degree to study under Bohr, who at the time was on the cutting edge of nuclear research. It was only after Bohr fled Denmark in 1939—just months before the Nazi occupation of the country—that Wheeler learned of the research Bohr and others had been conducting into the possibilities and ramifications of nuclear fission.

Ultimately, Wheeler would join Robert Oppenheimer and others on the Manhattan Project, turning America into the world's first nuclear power. Later, Wheeler would play a key role the development of thermonuclear weapons and become an advocate of the war in Vietnam and of the creation of a ballistic missile defense system for the United States. But for all his work on weapons of war, his passion was trying to understand the workings of the universe.

We owe the term "black hole" to Wheeler, who initially resisted the idea of the existence of these stellar phenomena but was ultimately persuaded of their existence by the mathematical work of Dr. David Finkelstein and others. In this, Wheeler demonstrated the traits of the best scientists: a willingness to challenge, and ultimately change, his views based on the facts and evidence.

When he reached Princeton University's mandatory retirement age in 1976, Wheeler was not ready to walk away from the profession he loved. He moved to Texas, taking up residence at the University of Texas at Austin and continued his investigation into the workings of the universe, seeking to understand "how everything fits together." He continued to teach, lecture, and write for many more years, and his influence on at least two generations of physicists will be felt for generations to come.

Dr. Wheeler's wife of 72 years, the late Jannet Hegner Wheeler, passed away in October 2007 at age 99. The Wheelers are survived by their three children, Ms. Lahnston and Letitia Wheeler Ufford, both of Princeton; James English Wheeler of Ardmore, Pa.; 8 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, 6 step-grandchildren and 11 step-great grandchildren.

I am pleased to join my colleagues in honoring John Wheeler through H. Res. 1118. We can honor him best by recommitting ourselves to making America the world leader in scientific research and achievements, and I will certainly do all I can to make that another of Dr. Wheeler's lasting achievements.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE MODERN STATE OF ISRAEL

SPEECH OF

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Israel as it celebrates its 60th anniversary. Israel is not only a close military ally and trade partner, it is also a true friend of the United States.

The United States shares Israel's commitment to peace and freedom. We share a commitment to democracy, the Rule of Law and we share a culture that honors life—not that glamorizes death. Perhaps more than any other people, Israel understands the insidiousness of evil and the need for good people to remain vigilant against it. We share a great deal, Madam Speaker. It is no accident that the United States and Israel are such great friends.

Despite frequent and cowardly attacks, this young country has withstood every missile, every grenade, every car bomb, every suicide bomber. Israel has weathered the violence of terrorist groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah, which have vowed Israel's destruction and which receive copious funding from Iran and Syria. Israel must combat these constant and cowardly attacks, but rarely does the world acknowledge the restraint shown by Israel in defending itself, trying always to wage this war of survival with reverence for innocent life.

While rockets rain down on Israel from terrorists operating in Gaza, Israel continues to allow the delivery of food and medicines across the Gaza border. Although Hamas seizes humanitarian aid for its own nefarious uses and exploits humanitarian vehicles to smuggle weapons and explosives, Israel continues to allow aid to flow across its border with Gaza. While Israel's enemies purposely target the innocent, Israel responds with tactical strikes against terrorists, their weapons bases, and their command centers to protect the innocent. While the forces of extremism and terrorism continue to barrage freedom-loving people in Israel and around the globe, I am heartened to see that the forces of evil have failed to destroy the basic goodness of those who struggle against terror so that they may live in peace and freedom.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of Israel's 60th anniversary, I am honored to have this opportunity to congratulate Israel for its tremendous contributions to the world and to express my profound gratitude for Israel's unwavering friendship with the United States.

40 YEARS AFTER ITS FOUNDING, THE PEACE CORPS CONTINUES ITS MISSION WITH STRONG SUPPORT FROM MAINE

HON. THOMAS H. ALLEN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2008

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, in March, we marked the 47th anniversary of the founding